

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**Applicants:** Piero Andreas Madar et al.  
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**For:** METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR RESTRICTING PLAYBACK  
OF RECORDED DIGITAL SIGNALS  
**Art Unit:** 2431  
**Examiner:** Michael R. Vaughan

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE ACCOMPANYING RCE**

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**Sir:**

In response to the final Office Action dated February 25, 2009, for which a response is due May 25, 2009, and accompanying Applicants' Request for Continued Examination (RCE), please enter the accompanying amendments and remarks/arguments in the above-identified application.

**Listing and Amendment of the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.